

H. Res. 543

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 2, 2002.

Whereas there are more than 36,000,000 American working couples that are affected by the unfair marriage tax penalty;

Whereas this unfair tax punishes our society's most basic institution by discouraging couples from getting married;

Whereas this burdensome tax forces married couples to pay higher taxes than they would if they were single;

Whereas a bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4019 on June 13, 2002, permanently extending the marriage penalty relief provided by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001;

Whereas failure to enact permanent marriage tax relief will reimpose the unfair marriage tax penalty after 2010 on more than 36,000,000 married working couples;

Whereas permanent marriage tax penalty relief will encourage and promote the values of marriage, family and hard work; and

Whereas the Senate has not passed H.R. 4019 or equivalent legislation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Congress should complete action on H.R. 4019 and the Congress should present it to the President prior to adjournment of the 107th Congress so that 36,000,000 married couples can benefit from permanent marriage penalty tax relief.

Attest:

Clerk.